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SUBJ: OKINAWA OCEAN EXPO LOGISTICS

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DEPT PLS PASS USIA, OKINAWA EXPO '75, C. H. CLARKE

1. WE ASKED LOCAL U.S. FREIGHT FORWARDERS ABOUT EXPO LOGISTICS.
EXPO ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MATTERS IN TOKYO.
WE WILL MEET HIM AS SOON AS HE RETURNS.

2. IT IS FEASIBLE FOR OKINAWA FREIGHT FORWARDERS TO HANDLE
20X8X8 FT. CONTAINERS, 40X8X8 FT CONTAINERS AND 8X8X10 CONEX BOX
TYPE CONTAINERS. ALL U.S. ORIGIN CONTAINER CARGO NOW BEING UNLOADED
IN U.S. MILITARY PORT SECTION WITH DOCKSIDE CRANES AND TRANSFERRED
TO COMMERCIAL YARDS. STATES LINES SHIPS CAN UNLOAD WITH SHIP'S
GEAR 20 AND 40 FT CONTAINERS UP TO SIXTY TONS. CHASSIS FOR 20FT
CONTAINERS AVAILABLE ON OKINAWA NOW, CHASSIS FOR 40 FOOTERS

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AVAILABLE IN MAY. ROADS CAN HANDLE 20 FOOTERS; 40 FOOTERS
ARE FEASIBLE. HEAVY CRANES AND LIFTS TO OFFLOAD CONTAINERS ON SITE
ARE AVAILABLE AND CAN BE ARRANGED BY INFORMING SHIPPING COMPANY IN
ADVANCE TO HAVE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT ON SITE.

3. BOTH CONNELL BROS. AND E.J. GRIFFITH USE BONDED WAREHOUSE SPACE
OF LOCAL FIRM, WHICH HAS 1180 SQ MT COVERED WAREHOUSE, 3830 SQ MT
CONTAINER YARD FOR BONDED GOODS. INFO ON WAREHOUSE FACILITIES AT
EXPO SITE NOT YET AVAILABLE. COVERED WAREHOUSING USUALLY NOT
REQUIRED FOR CONTAINERIZED GOODS, EXCEPT DURING TYPHOONS.

4. SHIPMENTS CAN BE CONSIGNED TO APPROPRIATE FREIGHT FORWARDER
IN NAHA WHO WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL TRUCKING FIRM TO
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DELIVER TO SITE. WE WILL ASK EXPO ASSOC. ABOUT CONSIGNING SHIP-
MENTS DIRECTLY TO SITE. ACCORDING LOCAL REP OF E. J. GRIFFITH,

STEAMSHIP COMPANY USUALLY HANDLES SPECIFIC CASE MARKINGS, WHICH INCLUDE CONTAINER NUMBER, CONTENTS, B/L NUMBER, SHIPPER, CONSIGNEE, AND SEAL ON DOOR. WE WILL ALSO ASK EXPO ASSOC. ABOUT THIS.

5. BOTH LOCAL U.S. FREIGHT FORWARDERS, CONNELL BROS. AND E. J. GRIFFITH, CAN WORK WITH A DESPATCH AGENT/FREIGHT FORWARDER ARRANGEMENT, BUT WOULD PREFER A STRAIGHT FREIGHT FORWARDER CONTRACT. CLAIMED BENEFITS OF STRAIGHT FREIGHT FORWARDER CONTRACT ARE: (1)

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FEWER PEOPLE INVOLVED, WITH MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE, LOWER PRICES AND THROUGH RATES, (2) IN CASE OF CLAIMS, THERE ARE ONLY OCEAN CARRIER AND FREIGHT FORWARDER, WHICH REDUCES BUCK-PASSING POSSIBILITIES IN DESPATCH AGENT, FREIGHT FORWARDER, OCEAN CARRIER ARRANGEMENT.

6. FOR DETAILS ON POSSIBLE SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS, SUGGEST YOU CONTACT MR. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, VICE-PRESIDENT, AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES, 1625 I ST., WASH, D.C. TEL. 783-6424 AND MR. JAMES H. WHITMAN, PRESIDENT, TUCOR SERVICES INC. (FOR STATES LINES) 640 SACRAMENTO ST., SAN FRANCISCO 94111, TEL. 415-982-6070.

7. LETTER FOLLOWS ON QUESTIONS RAISED IN YOUR RECENT LETTER.

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